

Public Hearing Locations

July 12 – Eau Claire – Chippewa Valley Technical College – 620 Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701-6162 (800) 547-2882

July 13 – Ashland – Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College – 2100 Beaser Avenue, Ashland, WI 54806 (715) 682-4591

July 14 – Egg Harbor – Landmark Resort Egg Harbor Room – 7643 Hillside Road, Egg Harbor, WI 54209 (920) 868-2569

July 19 – LaCrosse – Western WI Technical College – 304 6th Street North, La Crosse, WI 54601 (800) 322-9982

July 20 – Hayward – Grand Pines Resort Whispering Pines Room – 12355 W. Richardson Bay Road, Hayward, WI 54843 (715) 462-3564

July 21 – Stevens Point – Sentry World Theater – 1800 North Point Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54448 (800) 3SENTRY

July 26 – West Bend – UW Washington County – 400 University Drive, West Bend, WI 53095 (262) 335-5200

July 27 – Grand Chute – Town Hall – 1900 Grand Chute Boulevard, Grand Chute WI (920) 832-4773

July 28 – Rhinelander – Holiday Inn Express – Pelican/Shepard Rooms – 668 West Kemp Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501 (715) 369-3600

August 2 – Delavan – Lake Lawn Resort – 2400 East Geneva Street, Delevan, WI 53115 (800) 338-5253

August 4 – Madison area – Fitchburg Community Center Oak Hall Room – 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711 (608) 270-4200

What do YOU think? DNR is seeking your input on the proposal to amend NR 115. Several options have been developed to solicit public comments;

- **Send** comments over the internet at:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/news.htm>
- **Testify** at a public hearing
- **Mail** your written comments to Toni Herkert, Bureau of Watershed Management P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707
Comments accepted through August 26, 2005

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NR 115 Public Hearings Wisconsin's Shoreland Protection Program

July and August 2005

Revisions to the Statewide Minimum Shoreland Development Standards



After almost three years of work, by a dedicated Advisory Committee with over 25 members, the proposal to update the more than 35-year-old Shoreland Protection Program in Wisconsin has been sent to public hearings.

Wisconsin's Shoreland Protection Program, found in Chapter NR115 of Wisconsin Administrative Code, contains statewide minimum standards for shoreland development that are designed to protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and scenic beauty along navigable lakes and rivers.

The goal posed to the Advisory Committee was to protect public rights in navigable waters while allowing property owners the flexibility necessary to make reasonable use of their properties. This revision effort has been spurred by a continuing interest in waterfront building, new research about how such development affects water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, and growing complaints about the confusion of existing standards from property owners and local governments.

As in the past, each county in the state will continue to administer and enforce a county shoreland zoning ordinance that meets or exceeds the statewide minimum standards in Chapter NR115. Because a statewide administrative code cannot tailor make provisions to protect all resources equally, counties will continue to have the authority to create more protective standards that are better suited to local resource needs.

Public Hearings

The purpose of these hearings is to provide the public with another opportunity to review and comment on the proposed revisions to NR 115. The department gathered over 1300 comments from informal listening sessions held in November and December of 2003. Those comments, along with advisory committee comments, have been utilized to draft the public hearing proposal now out for review.

All Public hearings will begin at 4:30 and open with a short presentation from department staff and an opportunity for a question and answer session before formal public testimony is taken. It is important to allow the public to ask questions because zoning is a very complex issue. Please plan to attend the presentation session if you have outstanding questions or concerns before giving testimony.

The key to a successful Shoreland Protection Program is to find that proper balance between property owners' desires and the public's rights in Wisconsin's waters. We hope to achieve this goal through the progress that was made with the diverse Advisory Committee, by engaging the public early on in the process with informal listening sessions and the current public hearing process.

AGENDA
<p>4:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Presentation</p> <p>Learn from people working on shoreland management issues and discover why statewide minimum development standards are needed to protect and preserve Wisconsin's water resources and the substantial private investment in shoreland properties. Get an overview of the proposal for revising Chapter NR115 and ask questions regarding the proposed revision concepts.</p>
<p>6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Public Comment Period</p> <p>Provide feedback on the proposal to update the Shoreland Protection Program. Questions will not be answered at this time, please attend the presentation session to have questions answered. Audience members will fill out slips to speak and depending on the number of speakers, time will be allotted accordingly.</p>

For More Information on the rule revision process, advisory committee proceedings, public hearings and the draft proposal, PLEASE see our website at www.dnr.state.wi.us, go down to "Go to some topics" drop-down menu and choose "Shoreland Management."